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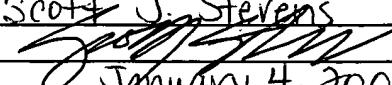
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January 4, 2005	(Date)

10/722,989 11/26/2003 Andrea Trucco 8240-22 9019

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ULTRASONIC IMAGING USING ACOUSTIC BEAMFORMING

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1370	\$300	\$1670	02/28/2005
EXAMINER	ART UNIT		CLASS-SUBCLASS		
JAWORSKI, FRANCIS J	3737		600-437000		

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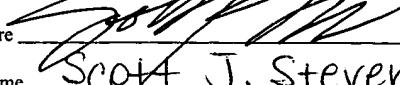
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1700.00**

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/722,909
Filing Date	11/26/2003
First Named Inventor	Andrea Trucco
Examiner Name	Jaworski, Francis J.
Art Unit	3737
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Design Filing Fee	350	175	_____
Plant Filing Fee	550	275	_____
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Subtotal (1) \$

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20	18	9
Each independent claim over 3	88	44
Multiple dependent claims	300	150
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	18	9
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Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
 - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____
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3-month extension of time	980	490	_____
4-month extension of time	1,530	765	_____
5-month extension of time	2,080	1,040	_____
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	_____
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	_____
Non-English specification	130	130	_____
Notice of Appeal	340	170	_____
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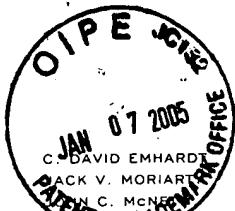
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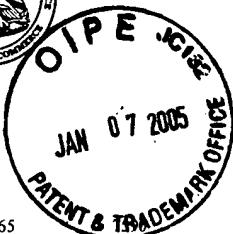
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